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# S. 1531

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 29, 2009

Mr. PRYOR introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Department of Vet-  
5 erans Affairs Reorganization Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR AC-**  
2 **QUISITION, LOGISTICS, AND CONSTRUCTION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 308 of title 38, United  
4 States Code, is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “seven” and  
6 inserting “eight”; and

7 (2) in subsection (b)—

8 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (1)  
9 through (11) as subparagraphs (A) through  
10 (K), respectively;

11 (B) in the matter before subparagraph  
12 (A), as redesignated by subparagraph (A) of  
13 this paragraph, by striking “The Secretary”  
14 and inserting “(1) Except as provided in para-  
15 graph (2), the Secretary”;

16 (C) in subparagraph (F), as redesignated  
17 by subparagraph (A), by striking “Capital” and  
18 inserting “Construction capital”;

19 (D) in subparagraph (J), as redesignated  
20 by subparagraph (A), by striking “Procure-  
21 ment” and inserting “Acquisition”; and

22 (E) by adding at the end the following new  
23 paragraph:

24 “(2) Of the Assistant Secretaries appointed under  
25 subsection (a), one shall be the Assistant Secretary for  
26 Acquisition, Logistics, and Construction who shall provide

1 policy direction and management oversight with respect to  
 2 acquisition and construction programs of the Department  
 3 and shall be assigned the responsibilities described in sub-  
 4 paragraphs (F) and (J) of paragraph (1).”.

5 (b) INCREASE IN NUMBER OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT  
 6 SECRETARIES AUTHORIZED.—Subsection (d) of such sec-  
 7 tion is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “not exceeding  
 9 19” and inserting “not exceeding 27”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
 11 paragraph:

12 “(3) Of the Deputy Assistant Secretaries authorized  
 13 under paragraph (1), the Secretary may appoint not more  
 14 than eight Deputy Assistant Secretaries to manage pro-  
 15 grams of the Department relating to construction, facili-  
 16 ties, asset management, and information technology.”.

17 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

18 (1) REPEAL OF DIRECTOR OF CONSTRUCTION  
 19 AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT.—

20 (A) REPEAL.—Section 312A of such title  
 21 is repealed.

22 (B) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of  
 23 sections at the beginning of chapter 3 of such  
 24 title is amended by striking the item relating to  
 25 section 312A.

1           (2) AMENDMENT TO TITLE 5, UNITED STATES  
2       CODE.—Section 5315 of title 5, United States Code,  
3       is amended by striking “Assistant Secretaries, De-  
4       partment of Veterans Affairs (7)” and inserting  
5       “Assistant Secretaries, Department of Veterans Af-  
6       fairs (8)”.

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